

REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine renewing America's commitment to the refugee convention, including S. 3113, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States' historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Refugees International, and Igor V. Timofeyev, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker LLP, both of Washington, DC.; and Patrick Giantonio, Vermont Immigration and Asylum Advocates, Burlington.

FILIBUSTER

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on the filibuster today and its consequences, after receiving testimony from former Vice President Walter F. Mondale; former Senator Don Nickles; Steven S. Smith, Washington University Murray Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, St. Louis, Missouri; and Norman J. Ornstein, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Marie Collins Johns, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Carson, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance Program and the impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on small businesses, after receiving testimony from James Rivera, Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; William B. Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and Jaimie Bergeron, Fleur de Lis Car Care Center, Lake View, Louisiana.

VETERANS BILLS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1866, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries, S. 1939, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, S. 1940, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out

a study on the effects on children of exposure of their parents to herbicides used in support of the United States and allied military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, S. 2751, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs medical center in Big Spring, Texas, as the George H. O'Brien, Jr., Department of Veterans Medical Center, S. 3035, to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, S. 3107, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2010, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, S. 3192, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the tolling of the timing of review for appeals of final decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, S. 3234, to improve employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans, especially those serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, S. 3286, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on the award of grants to State and local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to provide assistance to veterans with their submittal of claims to the Veterans Benefits Administration, S. 3314, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Appalachian Regional Commission to carry out a program of outreach for veterans who reside in Appalachia, S. 3325, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the waiver of the collection of copayments for telehealth and telemedicine visits of veterans, S. 3330, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 3348, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of documents that express disagreement with decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals and that are misfiled with the Board within 120 days of such decisions as motions for reconsideration of such decisions, S. 3352, to amend title 38, United States Code, to exempt reimbursements of expenses related to accident, theft, loss, or casualty loss from determinations of annual income with respect to pensions for veterans and surviving spouses and children of veterans, S. 3355, to provide for an Internet website for information on benefits, resource, services, and opportunities for veterans and their families and caregivers, S. 3367, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of pension for disabled veterans who are married to one another and both of whom require regular aid and attendance, S. 3368, to amend title 38, United States